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Goldwater Acts to Force Probe of Cuba Invasion

Senator Goldwater, Republican of Arizona, today introduced a resolution asking the Senate Armed Services Committee to make a full investigation of the controversy over whether this country ever promised an air cover for the Cuban refugees in the ill-fated 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion.

The resolution followed two days of oratory by Republicans challenging the recent statement of Attorney General Robert Kennedy that air cover was not promised.

The Senate Republican Policy Committee gave clearance yesterday for an independent investigation by Minority Leader Dirksen of Illinois.

Senator Dirksen said the committee gave its assent to an inquiry into whether the Attorney General had "told the entire factual story" in a recent review of the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

Comment by Goldwater

Previously Senator Goldwater had told the Senate the Attorney General was attempting to lay blame for the invasion failure on the administration of former President Eisenhower.

While Senator Dirksen's remarks were interpreted as indicating the policy group would go ahead immediately with an inquiry, he said later in an interview this was not true.

Instead, he said he personally will "take a look-see" at the situation and report back to the policy group within two weeks. He said the group then will decide what it wants to do about the information he has gathered.

The news that the policy group was underwriting such

an investigation brought charges by Democrats that the minority was injecting politics into foreign policy matters.

Chairman Fulbright of the Foreign Relations Committee said the action has a strong partisan aura.

Senator Keating, Republican of New York, a G. O. P. Policy Committee member, said he, too, believes that any inquiry "shouldn't be a political matter at all."

Morse Cites Secret Files

Senator Morse, Democrat of Oregon, chairman of the Senate Latin American Subcommittee, today advised Republicans to read secret testimony in the files of the Foreign Relations Committee before they make "any more partisan speeches" about the Bay of Pigs invasion.

He said they would find there testimony of Gen. Lemnitzer and former CIA chief Allen Dulles.

Senator Goldwater replied that he has read the testimony and found it "the most inconclusive I have ever seen."

Senator Morse insisted it

gives clear and unequivocal answers to the questions Senator Goldwater is raising.

Senator Dirksen turned aside a question as to whether he was setting out to protect the Eisenhower administration's record. He said he was acting to "protect this record of the United States of America and for historical guidance."

Senator Dirksen did not spell out any specific complaints about Mr. Kennedy's review of what the Attorney General called invasion mistakes. Mr. Kennedy presented the official administration version of the affair for the first time Monday in a series of interviews.